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¶1. (C) Embassy Singapore convened its Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on Friday July 17 to determine what action Post should take in response to the Jakarta bombings of the JW Marriott and Ritz Carlton hotels.

¶2. (C) The EAC reviewed information from reports received from Embassy Jakarta, open source news, and from local law enforcement. Post's Acting Regional Security Officer (A/RSO) reported that he has placed the Embassy's local guard force on heightened alert. Additionally, he has been in contact with security representatives from the Australian High Commission (located next door) and the British High Commission/British Council (located on the opposite side) to share information and to coordinate response. Local authorities advised the A/RSO that they are increasing their vigilance and adding patrols, particularly around venues hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) Senior Officials Meeting II (SOM II), being held in Singapore this week and next. Embassy Singapore Control Officers for the U.S. delegation were instructed to ensure that all visitors are fully informed and advised to be vigilant and exercise enhanced personal security measures. Post contacted Embassy Jakarta to offer assistance as needed.

¶3. (C) The Consular Section Chief reported that she will prepare a draft Warden message based on the Warden message issued by Embassy Jakarta to pass on to American citizens resident in Singapore advising of appropriate steps to take. After clearance by Consular Affairs in the Department, the Warden Message will be issued and concurrently a Management/Security notice issued to Embassy staff. The Consular Section, in coordination with the Regional Medical Officer, is preparing plans to provide services to American citizens injured in the bombings who are sent to Singapore for medical treatment. It is anticipated that SOS will arrange for the evacuations, so the Consular Section will reach out to the local office of SOS to ensure that an effective channel of communication is in place.

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